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I have a little boy of six Who sets me quite a task And often puts me in a fix By questions that he'll ask.
"What helds the moon up in the sky? Where does the sunshine go? Why does my baby brother cry?" Are things he wants to know.

"Where does the gas go when put out?" He asked me yesterday. The question filled my mind with doubt. I wondered what to say. "If all the good people that die," Says he, "in heaven are crowned, Why don't they go up in the sky Instead of in the ground?

"Who lights the stars up every night And turns them out at dawn? What makes the snow so very white? Where is the new year born? Why have all negroes curly hair? What makes their skin so black? What makes a wheel go round, and where Do old ducks get their quack?

"Why can't we see the wind at all? What makes the water wet?" These and such questions daily fall From the wee lips of my pet. He's most embarrassing at times Interrogating me; Yet when upon my knee he climbs I'm happy as can bel

-Twinkles.

A NOVELIST'S BRIDE.

The betrothal and marriage of Mme. Octave Feuillet is told by herself, with charming naivete and wit, in "Quelques Annes de Ma Vie."

I was nearly 19 years old. My mother insisted that I must marry. Every week she presented a new aspirant, but when, after each interview, she asked, "Does this one suit you?" I replied, "No, not this one."

My father urged me also. It was generally during our horseback rides in the country, while we let our horses walk along the pretty routes, that he undertook my conversion.

"I know some one," he said one day, "who loves you, and who this morning has asked for your hand."

"Another? Good heavens!" "Yes, another, but I hope you will not rebel when you hear the name of

"Tell me, my father, who it is." "It is your cousin, Octave Feuillet." "What, my cousin! Is it possible that

three times with him, and that is all." "Very well, that is sufficient. He desires you to become his wife. He desires it ardently. Your mother and I would be in despair should you disap-

"My father, let me have a little time

point him with a refusal."

"Not too long," answered my father, "and may God inspire you." God inspired me that same night to think my cousin charming. Again, in imagination, I saw him at those three balls where I had danced with him and recalled his handsome figure and beardecided, almost in despair, to give ing, his distinguished looking features

and his slightly haughty air. I remembered the grace with which he bowed to a woman, particularly to my mother. I recalled the words he had spoken to the music of the orchestra during the quadrilles-words which did not resemble in any way the trivial S.S.S. never disppoints, for it is made phrases I was accustomed to hear. He to cure these deep-rooted diseases which talked as well as he wrote. He had already a great reputation among literary persons, and his novels and poems were making a sensation in the world.

And was it I who was destined to become the wife of this poet, of this gentleman? I could not believe in such good

fortune. In accepting it I felt uneasy. It seemed to me impossible not to disappoint the accomplished being who had deigned to choose me. When I thought of his worth, I felt my own inferiority. I found myself provincial and ignorant. Nevertheless my father had said that he loved me.

He loved me in spite of all my de- Journal. ficiencies. It remained for me to recompense him by working for self improvement. After having devoted my thoughts exclusively to him I turned in imagina-

tion to the existence we would lead. this beautiful Paris which I had not claimed for Mrs. Evartina Tardo, a seen since the journey with the ladies young widow in the West Indies. Phyof ---. No more visits to the tombs of sicians who have known her case pro-St. Denis, but presentations to the nounce it a physiological freak. She is friends of my husband and drives in said to be wholly without feeling, has fiacres from museums to churches and swallowed poison, been shot, bitten by

apartment and the purchasing of ele- neck dislocated, all without experiencgant furniture, which would make it ing any pain. Besides these experiments, charming-how beautiful did all these she can without injury drink benzine dreams appear when I compared them and light the gas at a hollow needle

not sleep till morning. I shall never forget that evening when bitten by a cobra, and it is claimed that my cousin came the first time as a her sensory nerves were paralyzed and fiance. We awaited him in my mother's her system innoculated with poison. room. My father walked up and down, New York Tribune. giving me his arm. My brothers were on the staircase ready to fall on the neck of the visitor.

caused commotion throughout the house, sion was smoking a cigarette when he I was so agitated, so troubled, so nerv- saw approaching the carriage containous over the new role assigned me, ing the empress of Austria and the that, losing all thought of propriety, queen of Italy. He at once threw away all desire to please my fiance, I ran to- his cigarette and galloped off to meet

in the curtains. trenched behind these curtains, a posi- its possession. After a Homeric strugtion which would have given me confi- gle a worthy peasant secured it. Sevdence, had not my father indignantly eral Englishmen surrounded him, and unrolled me and thrown me into the he finally yielded up the imperial cigarms of my cousin, who appeared a lit- arette, covered with mud, for several tle surprised at this welcome.

"It is timidity," said my mother in a low voice, at the same time smoothing my ruffled hair. "She loves you, I

discourage my fiance. He made me you of an adventure I had once in Inpretty speeches all the evening and dia. While going through a jungle I happy promises, to which I listened came isce to face with a lion. There with downcast eyes. The next day came was no chance to retreat, and I had some charming verses from him, ad-, nothing to defend myself with. I stood

the 35th of March, 187, I have be ar early hour, being most le to the ow in the infant class - Chicago on account of my contion. It was Timb

the day I was to leave the paternal home and take in the presence of God my title as madame.

Midnight was the customary hour for marriages in our part of the country. I was in hopes of having the day to myself, but I was obliged to busy myself in all sorts of ways, to try for the last time my wedding gown, to arrange flowers, and so forth.

Toward the end of the day, while the last touches were being added to my toilet, Victoire, my maid, who had been occupied in carrying different things to my new home, returned in consternation, saying that my cousin was not well, and that they did not know whether the wedding could take place. "Oh, mon Dieu!" said my mother.

And she ran to carry her mixiety into the bosom of the united family. They took counsel together, and two relatives were sent as embassadors to the fiance. During this time my mother ran from room to room, calling all the servants, ringing bells, recommending calmness and doing her utmost to deprive me and everybody else of it.

Finally the embassadors reappeared. "He is coming. He will be here in a few moments," they cried, ascending the stairs. "The indisposition has passed away." And they wiped their foreheads as they spread the good news.

After an hour's waiting the door opened, and my cousin entered the room. He was very pale, but very handsome, and I felt proud to belong to him. "I have been a little indisposed," he said, giving me his hand, "but I am quite well now, and I love you." This "I love you" came like a whisper, and I felt myself growing pale and flushed at the same time.

The dinner was long and serious. We were surrounded by aged relatives. My grandmother Dubois did not break her cold reserve, except to say to the servants, "Do not spoil my dress." My husband's uncle, a retired officer, who sat at my right, had a stomach trouble and ate nothing. He spent his time in finding fault with the others because they

"My child," he said to me, "do not eat too much today. It is not good for you." And I could easily believe it. Emotion closed my throat so completely that not a cherry could have passed

While waiting for the departure for church the men went to smoke and the women gathered around me like bees. "Ah, my dear," said one, "the great

moment is at hand." "Your dress is very beautiful," said another, "but dead white is not becoming to your complexion. It makes you look so dark. How will you arrange your veil? Will it cover your hair?"

"There are too many flowers in your wreath," said another. "Give me the scissors and let me cut out some of them."

Harassed with this feminine enthusiasm and this idle chatter, I asked for a moment's respite and flew to my own little chamber. It was almost empty. Nearly everything that belonged to me had been carried away during the day and taken to my future home. The bed alone remained, and against the wall, between its muslin curtains, my basin of holy water. I fell upon my knees, moistened my fingers in the sacred water, then, carrying them to my forehead, murmured, "Lord, protect me."

We set out for the mayor's office, then we proceeded to the church. A fine rain was falling, and the dampness penetrated behind the glass of the carriage windows. I ascended the steps of the cathedral shivering. The harmonious notes of the organ greeted me under the somber arches. Clouds of incense were wafted toward me. The cure, standing under the great crucifix, addressed some remarks to me, my busband placed upon my finger the sacred ring, and all was over.-Providence

Sense of Touch Wanting.

One has heard of heartless wemen and women without feeling, but that a human being can exist without any sense We should doubtless live in Paris, of touch seems marvelous, yet this is rattlesnakes, received a puncture in her And then the installation of our heart from a doctor's lance and had her with the monotony of the present! which pierces her cheek. This strange The effect of all this was that I did assertion is backed by the word of physicians of repute. As a child she was

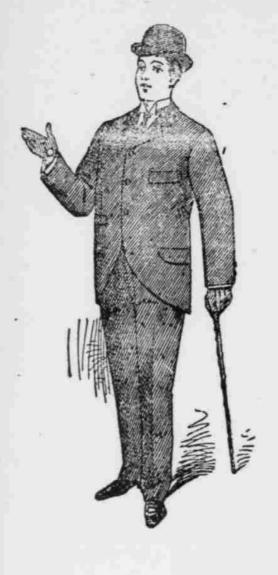
A Royal Relic.

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